

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/087,003

Applicant(s)

MARCUS, DWIGHT

Examiner

SHAHID ALAM

Art Unit

2162

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) SHAHID ALAM.

(3) _____.

(2) Robert E. Rosenthal.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 31 May 2011.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Allowed claims.

Identification of prior art discussed: N/A.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Shahid Al Alam/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2162

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135 (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiner's Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

First of all, Examiner like to thanks Attorney Robert Rosenthal for his courtesy given to examiner.

A telephone call was made on May 31, 2011 to Robert E. Rosenthal, attorney for the applicant. As discussed in our phone call, please find attached the allowed claims for Serial No. 10/087,003, marked to show changes from the issued patent.

In reviewing the file history with respect to claims 7, 16 and 30:

Claim 7 was amended by the preliminary amendment dated February 28, 20002 to delete the comma after the words "claim 6" and to replace the term "audiovisual" with the term "media." In the amendment filed October 27, 2008, Claim 7 was listed as "previously amended." The remarks do not indicate any amendment to Claim 7. However, as a result of a typographical error, the listing of the claims included with the October 27, 2008 amendment included a version of Claim 7 in which the term "media" was replaced by the term "audiovisual." In the attached claims, Claim 7 is correctly listed as having "audiovisual" deleted and replaced with the term "media."

Claim 16 was amended by the preliminary amendment dated February 28, 20002 to delete the comma after the words "claim 15," to replace the terms "an audiovisual clip" with the terms "a media," to add the term "transition" and to delete the phrase "indicating permitted transition points in said audiovisual clip." Claim 16 was listed as "previously amended" in an amendment dated October 27, 2008. However, as a result of a typographical error, in the amendment dated October 27, 2008, the listing of the claim included a version of Claim 16 in which the terms "a media" were replaced by the terms "an audiovisual," the term "transition" was deleted and the phrase "indicating permitted transition points in said audiovisual clip" was added. The remarks in the amendment do not indicate any amendment to Claim 16. In the attached claims, Claim 16 is correctly listed reflecting the amendments made by the preliminary amendment dated February 28, 2002.

Claim 30 was amended by the preliminary amendment dated February 28, 2002 to add the word "and" and a semicolon after the terms "media elements," and to recite "automatically selecting" instead of "selecting automatically." In the amendment dated October 27, 2008, as a result of a typographical error, the semicolon ";" and the term "and" were not underlined. Similarly, the term "automatically" before the term "selecting" was not underlined and the deleted term "automatically" after the term "selecting" was not shown in brackets. This error was repeated in the amendments filed March 18, 2010 and November 26, 2010. In the attached claims, Claim 30 is correctly listed, reflecting the amendments by the preliminary amendment dated February 28, 2002, as well as subsequent amendments.

After telephone call and considering claim 36, claim 36 was amended by the preliminary amendment dated February 28, 2002, to delete the word "audiovisual" in the first line. The word "media" was not added to the first line in that or any subsequent amendment.

In this supplemental amendment, the word "media" has been added to the first line in claim 36 with highlighted and underlined to show that an amendment has been done.